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In re Application of:

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For: THREE-DIMENSIONAL IMAGE
DISPLAY METHOD, DEVICE FOR
THE SAME, LIGHT DIRECTION
DETECTOR, AND LIGHT
DIRECTION DETECTING
METHOD

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Group Art Unit: 2628

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Sir:

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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a Notice of Reason for Rejection issued by the Japanese Patent Office on September 1, 2006, in a counterpart Japanese application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of the Notice.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Further, applicants note that that U.S. Patent No. 5,572,635 appears to correspond to Japanese Publication No. 4-358291, both documents being listed on the attached listing.

Applicants note that the Notice also lists and discusses JP 6-70267. However, since JP 6-70267 was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 3, 2003, it is not included in the attached listing.

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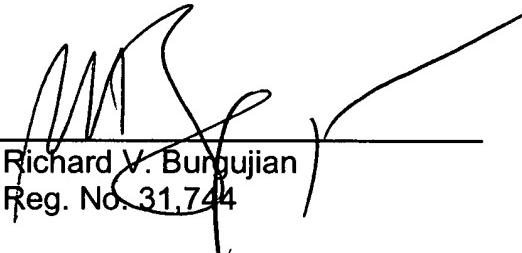
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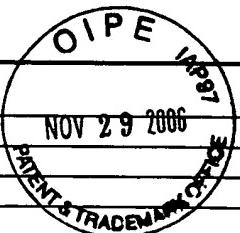
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